

MISSION STRATEGIES AND RESOURCE BOARD
Meeting October 27, 2016

Reminder: We are happy to receive applications from churches to support new mission initiatives. Download the application from www.blackhawkpresbytery.org. Under the 'Commissions, Boards and Committees' tab, click on 'Mission Strategies and Resources', then choose "mission grant/peacemaking grant application". Send the completed application to Joyce Egan joyce-casa@sbcglobal.net or mail the application to the Mission Strategies & Resources Board, c/o Blackhawk Presbytery, P.O. Box 199 Oregon, IL 61061 or fax it to 815.732.7325.

MSRB will continue to receive reports from past grant recipients and facilitate the sharing of mission projects with the churches of Blackhawk Presbytery.

MSRB reviewed a revised **Renewing Orthodoxy** network application from **First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle** presented by Rev. Dr. Jim Tilley. When Rev. Tilley explained that the "healing ministries" mentioned in the application would include conversion therapy, committee members referenced the recent General Assembly Overture 11-23 On Therapies Purporting to Change Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. This overture advises all agencies of the General Assembly to refrain from supporting, sponsoring, or implementing such ministries. Rev. Tilley expressed his disagreement with this overture. MSRB voted against approving the Renewing Orthodoxy application because the support of conversion therapy does not align with the missional vision of Blackhawk Presbytery and/or the purposes of the PC(USA) and encourage their work per Blackhawk Presbytery Bylaws.

Special offerings the November Presbytery meeting will go toward the **Coins for Kenya**.